ters 84, 85 and 90 of the Central Excise Tariff. Since there was no intention to raise the duty on the goods described in part (a) of the question, it was decided to restore the pre-budget rate of 15 per cent on these goods.

Interim Relief to Central Government Staff

7794. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fifth Pay Commission, set up for examining the service conditions and pay structures of the Central Government Staff has recommended payment of the second instalment of Interim Relief to the Central Government Staff;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the payment of the second instalment of Interim Relief is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) The recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission on interim relief and merger of DA with pay for gratuity are under examination.

Social upliftment of poor

7795. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which the budget does not allocate separately the expected amount under the category of social upliftment of poor in schemes like pension for old people, mid-day meals to school children; and

(b) in what way the social welfare projects will be put into practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) The schemes of National Social Assistance and Mid-day Meals for school children have been proposed in the Budget 1995-96 with a view to soften the hardship faced by the poor, aged and children.

Two Committees one under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment and another Department of Education, have been constituted to work out the modalities for National Social Assistance Scheme and Mid-day Meals for school children respectively.

DGFT and DRI clash over import of papers

7796. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Asia Age of the 29th April, 1995 to the effect that DGFT and DRI clash over the machinery import of Rama Newsprint and Paper Limited; and

(b) if so, the action taken against this firm for violation of regulation and the allegation of fraud committed by over invoicing at wrong declaration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under adjudication with a show cause notice having been issued to M/s. Rama Newsprint and Papers Ltd., for violation of import policy in respect of import of second hand machinery. Allegation of over invoicing in the import of second hand machinery is under investigation.